

We can't say enough about how important that is as COVID-19 continues across the United States of America with different variants. I am not saying it is going to be the new normal and continue for the next several years, but we know this: We need Mr. Davidson's help. We need his help effectively and speedily to get broadband deployed to both sectors of our economy—those who are unserved and those who are underserved.

We look forward to advancing this nominee and putting him to work as quickly as possible, and I personally look forward to working with him on these very important issues. There is much to do to leverage the dollars we have made available, but we have to work cooperatively with all parts of the United States to make that a reality.

Nothing could be more important now to upgrading U.S. infrastructure than getting fiber deployed, getting broadband to American homes, and making our grid more secure. With all of these things, I look forward to working with Mr. Davidson, and I appreciate his comments to me about his commitment to those issues as well.

I yield the floor.

VOTE ON DAVIDSON NOMINATION

Ms. CANTWELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the scheduled vote occur immediately.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Davidson nomination?

Ms. CANTWELL. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH).

The result was announced—yeas 60, nays 31, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 4 Ex.]

YEAS—60

Baldwin	Carper	Hassan
Bennet	Casey	Heinrich
Blumenthal	Collins	Hickenlooper
Blunt	Coons	Hirono
Booker	Cortez Masto	Inhofe
Brown	Duckworth	Kaine
Burr	Durbin	Kelly
Cantwell	Fischer	King
Capito	Gillibrand	Leahy
Cardin	Graham	Lee

Lujan	Reed	Sullivan
Manchin	Romney	Tester
Markley	Rosen	Tillis
Menendez	Rounds	Van Hollen
Moran	Schatz	Warner
Murkowski	Schumer	Warren
Murphy	Shaheen	Whitehouse
Murray	Sinema	Wicker
Peters	Smith	Wyden
Portman	Stabenow	Young

NAYS—31

Barrasso	Grassley	Risch
Blackburn	Hagerty	Rubio
Boozman	Hawley	Sasse
Braun	Hoeven	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Johnson	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Kennedy	Shelby
Cramer	Lankford	Thune
Crapo	Lummis	Toomey
Cruz	Marshall	Tuberville
Daines	McConnell	
Ernst	Paul	

NOT VOTING—9

Cassidy	Klobuchar	Padilla
Feinstein	Merkley	Sanders
Hyde-Smith	Osoff	Warnock

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 465, Amitabha Bose, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

Charles E. Schumer, Maria Cantwell, Patrick J. Leahy, Martin Heinrich, Tim Kaine, Gary C. Peters, Chris Van Hollen, Jeanne Shaheen, Jack Reed, Tina Smith, Thomas R. Carper, Mazie Hirono, John W. Hickenlooper, Edward J. Markey, Sheldon Whitehouse, Jacky Rosen, Tammy Baldwin.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Amitabha Bose, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 61, nays 29, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 5 Ex.]

YEAS—61

Baldwin	Grassley	Rosen
Barrasso	Hassan	Rounds
Bennet	Heinrich	Schatz
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Schumer
Blunt	Hirono	Shaheen
Booker	Kaine	Sinema
Brown	Kelly	Smith
Burr	King	Stabenow
Cantwell	Leahy	Sullivan
Capito	Lujan	Tester
Cardin	Manchin	Thune
Carper	Markley	Tillis
Casey	Menendez	Van Hollen
Collins	Moran	Warner
Coons	Murkowski	Warren
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Whitehouse
Duckworth	Murray	Wicker
Durbin	Peters	Wyden
Fischer	Portman	Young
Gillibrand	Reed	
Graham	Romney	

NAYS—29

Blackburn	Hagerty	McConnell
Boozman	Hawley	Paul
Braun	Hoeven	Risch
Cornyn	Inhofe	Rubio
Cotton	Johnson	Sasse
Cramer	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Crapo	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cruz	Lee	Shelby
Daines	Lummis	Tuberville
Ernst	Marshall	

NOT VOTING—10

Cassidy	Merkley	Toomey
Feinstein	Osoff	Warnock
Hyde-Smith	Padilla	
Klobuchar	Sanders	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 61, the nays are 29.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Amitabha Bose, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois, the majority whip.

GUANTANAMO BAY

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, 20 years ago today, a C-141 Starlifter made its final descent toward a naval base in the Caribbean. As the plane landed, two white schoolbuses waited on the apron, together with a swarm of military humvees and a large contingent of armed soldiers.

The plane door opened, and the passengers were offloaded. Heads shaven, legs shackled, the passengers were removed from the plane one by one, each wearing the same identical outfit: a fluorescent orange jumpsuit, a matching ski cap, and earmuff-style noise protectors. Some were also wearing blackout goggles over their eyes to completely deprive them of any sentient experience.

This was the scene as the first 20 detainees were hauled off to Guantanamo